

1. (previously presented) A connector connectable with a mating housing, the connector comprising:

a housing having a front end connectable with the mating housing, a rear end and at least one terminal-receiving cavity extending between the ends, the rear end of the housing being formed to define at least one pushable portion configured for receiving a forward pushing force for connecting the housing with the mating housing;

a slider that is movable with respect to the housing, the slider being formed with at least one rearwardly open escape groove for receiving the pushable portion of the housing; and

a biasing member provided between the slider and the housing and being compressible to accumulate a biasing force for separating the housing from the mating housing as the slider is moved.

2. (currently amended) The A connector of claim 1, wherein connectable with a mating housing, the connector comprising:

a housing having a front end connectable with the mating housing, a rear end and at least one terminal-receiving cavity extending between the ends, the rear end of the housing has-being formed to define two pushable portions symmetrically disposed on the housing and configured for receiving a forward pushing force for connecting the housing with the mating housing;

a slider that is movable with respect to the housing, the slider being formed with at least one rearwardly open escape groove for receiving the pushable portion of the housing; and

a biasing member provided between the slider and the housing and being compressible to accumulate a biasing force for separating the housing from the mating housing as the slider is moved.

3. (previously presented) The connector of claim 1, wherein the slider is movable forward and backward substantially along connecting and separating directions of the housing and the mating housing.

4. (previously presented) The connector of claim 1, wherein the slider has a substantially tubular shape for at least partly surrounding the housing.

5. (previously presented) The connector of claim 4, wherein the slider has a substantially rectangular tubular shape and is configured to project back from a receptacle of the mating housing when the housing and the mating housing are connected properly.

6. (previously presented) The connector of claim 1, wherein the slider comprises at least one pullable portion pullable for separating the housing from the mating housing.

7. (previously presented) The connector of claim 6, wherein two pullable portions are provided substantially symmetrically on sides of the slider neighboring sides where the escape grooves are formed.

8. (previously presented) A connector assembly comprising:  
a housing having opposite front and rear ends and a mating housing having opposite front and rear ends, the front ends of the housing and the mating housing being connectable with one another, at least one pushable portion formed on

the rear end of the housing and configured for pushing the housing toward the mating housing to achieve connection;

a slider movable with respect to the housing and at least partly surrounding the housing, the slider being formed with at least one rearwardly facing escape groove for receiving the pushable portion of the housing; and

a biasing member provided between the slider and the housing and being compressible to accumulate a biasing force for separating the housing from the mating housing as the slider is moved.

9. (previously presented) The connector assembly of claim 8, wherein the mating housing includes a receptacle for receiving at least portions of the housing and the slider.

10. (previously presented) A connector assembly comprising;

a housing and a mating housing that are connectable with one another, at least one pushable portion formed on the housing and configured for pushing the housing towards the mating housing to achieve connection;

a slider movable with respect to the housing and at least partly surrounding the housing, the slider being formed with at least one escape groove for receiving the pushable portion of the housing; and

a biasing member provided between the slider and the housing and being compressible to accumulate a biasing force for separating the housing from the mating housing as the slider is moved, wherein

the mating housing includes a resilient displacing portion which is resiliently displaceable to interfere with the slider during the connection and separation

of the housings while being restored so as not to interfere with the slider when the two housings are connected properly.